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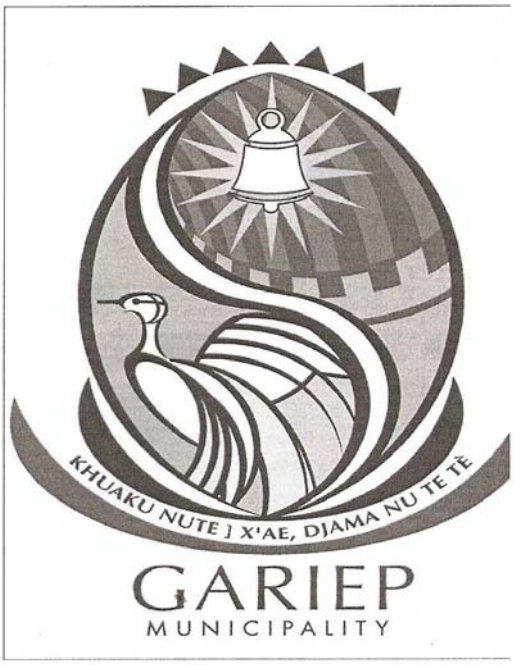

PROPOSED BUDGET - 2012/2013

GARIEP
MUNICIPALITY

Creation of a conducive environment for an improved quality of life for all

FOREWORD BY THE MAYOR IDP/BUDGET 2012/13

Gariep Local municipality is a municipality with a minimal revenue base. The 2012/13 IDP and Annual Budget are tabled as the global economy is going through a difficult time. Recovery from the financial and economic crisis that confronted us in 2008 remains slow and uneven.

In accordance with the provisions of the laws that govern the affairs of the municipality we have embarked upon a process of consultation with the Gariep local communities with a view to present the IDP and Annual Budget for 2012-2013 financial year.

Chapter 4 of the Municipal System Act 32 of 2000 makes community participation in the affairs, programmes and activities of the municipality a legal obligation. This is a historic moment in our existence as Gariep. Not only is this the first IDP/budget of this 5 year term, but it is the first exercise after the conclusion of the demarcation process. This IDP is therefore the culmination of a lengthy process of consultation during the local ward community based planning process, Intergovernmental relations (IGR) and IDP representative forums.

Accordingly, this IDP carries the aspiration of the residents in the five wards which the 2012-2013 Budget must seek to finance. Therefore, this IDP must be seen as a beacon of hope that will continue to guide us over the next financial year in our collective endeavours of building a better life for all our communities.

Of critical importance in this regard, section 24 of Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003 prescribes that"... the final budget must be tabled 30 days before the start of the budget year."

We remain committed to the realization of the 5 National Key Performance Areas (strategic agenda of Local Government) of municipalities, being the following:

1. Good Governance and Public Participation.
2. Municipal Transformation and Organisational Development.
3. Basic Infrastructure and Service Delivery.
4. Local Economic Development.
5. Municipal Financial Viability and Management

The IDP together with its projects and implementation focuses more strongly on the capital budget. The Gariep's Budget is perhaps the most important annual document which articulates the direction, concerns and special interests of the municipality. It provides the context in which decisions have been made and proposals that reflect the interest any government caters for. The 2012/13 annual budget will allocate R 12 044 million towards capital projects. The main focus for this year will be to realize and implement the planned programmes as outlined in the budget.

The challenge before us is to build on our strengths, taking the steps necessary to improve the competitiveness and productivity of our economy to grow more rapidly, create jobs where possible, and reduce poverty and inequality. Municipal Infrastructure investment plans provide a foundation for these objectives.

As a first draft of the five year new mandate for councillors and officials of highly important is to accept and try to come up with measures that will remedy the financial history of the municipality. Gariep Municipality cannot succeed in realising the objectives of our Constitution on its own.

This Budget sets out a clear challenges for Gariep Local Municipality at all levels to achieve more by using public resources with greater efficiency. Our success in achieving the ambitious goals we set ourselves will be determined by our ability to execute our plans in full and on time.

The 2012/2013 Budget is the culmination of hard work by many people:

- The Mayor's Committee on the Budget, whose unenviable task is to ensure alignment between technical processes and political imperatives.
- Council, which takes council decisions that are given monetary expression in the Budget.
- Numerous Council Committees and officials who contribute data and participate in processes that culminates in the Budget.
- The Ward Community Based Planning Process which contributes toward the Ward Priorities.

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QUALITY CERTIFICATE

I, Thembinkosi **Mawonga**, Municipal Manager of Gariep Local Municipality, hereby certify that the 1st draft budget and supporting documentation have been prepared in accordance with the Municipal Finance Management Act, and regulations made under Act, and that the budget and supporting documents are consistent with the Integrated Development Plan of the Municipality.

10/4/2012

Thembinkosi Mawonga
Municipal Manager of Gariep Local Municipality (EC 144)

Date: 10 April 2012